



## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2020-SCC-0160]

### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Student Assistance General Provision – Subpart I – Immigration Status Confirmation**

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of a currently approved collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before **[insert the 30th day after publication of this notice]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection request by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through

the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Student Assistance General Provision – Subpart I – Immigration Status Confirmation

*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0052

*Type of Review:* A revision of a currently approved collection

*Respondents / Affected Public:* Private Sector; State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Individuals and Households

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 81,572

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 10,197

*Abstract:* This request is for approval of a revision of the reporting requirements currently in the Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR 668, Subpart I. This subpart governs the Immigration-Status Confirmation, as authorized by section 484(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1091). The regulations may be reviewed at 34 CFR 668, Subpart I. The regulations are necessary to determine eligibility to receive program benefits and to prevent fraud and abuse of program funds. This collection updates the usage by individuals and schools. While the regulations refer to a secondary confirmation process and completion of the paper G-845 form these processes are no longer in use. DHS/USCIS replaced the paper secondary confirmation method with a fully electronic process, SAVE system and the use of the Third Step Verification Process. In April 2018, Federal Student Aid transitioned from the DHS-USCIS paper Form G-845 (for third step verification) to an electronic process via DHS' SAVE system.

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